

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph starting at page 21, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the present invention, one important aspect is that certain surface stabilized nanoparticulate active agents form needle-like crystals in a liquid dosage composition in the absence of an osmotically active crystal growth inhibitor. In preferred embodiments of the invention, the active agent is of a type that forms undesirable crystals during storage ~~and/or heat sterilization~~, even though the nanoparticulate active agent has at least one surface stabilizer adsorbed or associated with the surface thereof.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 31, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

To reduce, inhibit, or prevent the occurrence of crystal growth of the active agent, especially during storage ~~or heat sterilization~~, a liquid dispersion containing an active agent is treated with an osmotically active crystal growth inhibitor. The amount of the crystal growth inhibitor can preferably range from about 0.1% to about 95% concentration by weight of the liquid dosage composition, and preferably from about 0.5% to about 90% concentration by weight of the liquid dosage composition.